

*Acer* spp. (Kondorosy & Orosz, 2001). Collection dates were mainly in September and October but also in May, June and July. Mainly found on *Acer pseudoplatanus*, less frequently on *A. campestre*, *A. platanoides* and *A. monspessulanum*, also occasionally (but probably not breeding) on *Quercus*, *Crataegus* and *Alnus* (Löw, 1885; Then, 1886). Overwintering individuals have been found on *Picea* (Nickel, 2003). Adults are usually swept from along forest margins as well as from parks and roadside trees in urban areas. In the 1930s the only known German localities were near Mainz, but during the past two decades *Z. pulchra* has been recorded from scattered sites over most of central Germany. It has been suggested, that there was a recent north-eastward range expansion, with anthropogenic habitats being colonized first, but the evidence is not convincing. An increasing number of records may simply have been caused by increasing awareness of the species occurring in late summer, when collecting activity on trees is generally low (Nickel, 2003).

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#### SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Ponera coarctata* (Latreille) (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) in East Cornwall.** – A lone worker of this rare ant was found beneath a mat of thyme growing across outcropping rock at Pentire Point (SW9280), St Minver Highlands, 2.viii.2006. It has only previously been reported in Cornwall from the far west, on the rocky cliffs of The Lizard (Mellor & Mellor, 1997). The species is best known in the south-west from the south Devon coast, and so the Pentire site is also the first from the north coast. – KEITH N.A. ALEXANDER, 59 Sweetbrier Lane, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 3AQ.

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